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Army Report No. 1374

Revision and Adjustment of Cautions on Censorship

20 December 1943

From: Chief of Information Bureau, War Ministry

We wish to inform you that as of 20 December 1943 the above is revised and adjusted as follows:

Instructions on news regarding two-grade promotions for officers and enlisted men is omitted.

Precautionary Matters in Censorship of News of Prisoners of War

Domestic reports concerning POW's should be made mainly to contribute to the raising of the fighting spirit of the people and to increase and bolster production; care should be taken to avoid issuing twisted reports of our fair attitude which might give the enemy food for evil propaganda and bring harm to our interned brothers. For this reason, any reports (including photographs, pictures, etc.) which come under the following categories are prohibited:

1. Anything which gives the impression that POW's are too well treated or are cruelly treated.

Example: Any information giving an impression that POW's receive good food without working, or that labor conditions are extraordinarily good. Any reports which give an impression of cruel treatment, such as prisoners being punished or being made to labor without clothing.

2. Any concrete information concerning facilities, supplies, sanitary conditions, or other matters pertaining to living conditions within POW camps.
3. Any information giving the names of any location of POW's other than the following, or indicating their location:

HAKODATE
TOKYO
OSAKA
ZENTSUJI

FUKUOKA
FORMOSA
KOREA
HUPDEN

PHILIPPINES
MALAY
JAVA
BORNEO

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4. Any report which tells about POW's who are not yet duly processed into POW camps, especially their names, military units and places of birth (captured officers and men of the Chungking Army are excluded). Example: Any news of the POW expressing his feeling about the bravery of the Imperial Army immediately after capture is good, but any information which describes conditions under which POW investigations are made or which state the names, birth places, etc. of POW's and which might tend to adversely affect (?) is not good.
5. Any reports indicating the capture of Orientals and the use of them for labor.
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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Nakanishi Sadayoshi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Acting Director POW Information Bureau, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 3 pages, dated 20 December, 1943, and described as follows: Certified copy of instructions on censorship of information re POW's.

I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): POW Information Bureau EA 84

Signed at Tokyo on this
25th day of October, 1946.

/s/ Nakanishi Sadayoshi
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Witness: /s/ K. Yokoi

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I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher O-935000, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

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陸報第三七四號

檢閱注意事項整理改訂，件

昭和十八年十二月三十日

陸軍省報道部長

首題，件三閱，昭和十八年十二月二十日ヲ以テ左記，如ク整理改訂スル
ニ就キ承知相成度

左記

陸軍將兵，二階級進級関ニ報道指導，件

略ス

俘虜，報道関ニ檢閱注意事項

俘虜関ニ國內報道：國民戰意，曰印揚，増産強化ニ資スル
ヲ主トシテ實施スヘキニ我々，公正ニ態度ヲ在曲報道ヲ敵，要宣
傳，好餌ヲ予ヘテ抑留同胞ニ及ボスル如ク留意スルニ力為左
ニ該處ニ報道（写真，繪画等ヲ含ム），禁スル

一 俘虜優遇又，虐待，印象ヲ与フルニ，

例 無為美食ニ或，勞働條件優遇ニ過ルカ如キ印象
ヲ与フルニ，俘虜，處罰或，裸体勞働等虐待，印象
ヲ与フルニ，

二 收容所内等，於テ設備，給食，衛生其他生活狀態等
ニ関スル具體的事項

三 俘虜，所在関ニ左記以外ヲ用ヒ或，其，位置ヲ明示スル
ス

No. 1

函館，東京，大阪，喜通寺，福岡，台湾，朝鮮，奉
天，比島，馬尼拉，哇，ボネ

四、正式俘虜收容所ニ編入シテ之ガ俘虜、情況特ニ氏名、
 出生地、所屬部隊ヲ明セシメ、(捕獲重慶軍將兵ヲ除ク)
 例、捕獲直後、俘虜ヨリ自軍、精強ニ對シ感想ヲ述ベシ等、
 、報道ニ可キ其、取調狀況ヲ叙シ、或ハ該俘虜、氏名、
 出生地等ヲ明記スル等、取扱ニ悪影響ヲ及ボス虞
 有キ、不可トス

五、東洋人俘虜ヲ收容シ勞役ニ使ヒ、事ヲ示ス、

六、勞役以外ニ俘虜ヲ利用セシメ、事ヲ示ス、

七、高級俘虜、陳述感想等、特ニ陸軍省ニ於テ認可
 スルヲ除ク

以下略ス

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眞実を寫スルコトヲ 記ス

日本捕獲俘虜情報局米國死傷者調査課

歩兵少尉

ヘンリー・アイ・オマケ

(署名)

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證明書

ワシントン文書局第 號
國際檢察部 第三二三號

與據及公正三關スル證明

余中西貞喜、余が下記資格於、即ち停虜情報局長官代理トシテ日本政府ト
公的關係ニ在ルモノトト並ニ該官吏トシテ余が茲ニ添附セラル三頁ヨリ成ル干
九百四十六年、昭和二十一年、十月二十五日附下記題名、即ち檢閲注意事項整理改訂
件、文書、保管ニ任シ居ルコトヲ茲ニ證明ス。

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又、部局、公式書類及ビ綴、一部ナルコトヲ證明ス。若シテ綴巻號又ハ引用其
他公式書類、綴ニ於ケル該文書、正規所在、公式名稱ヲモ特記スベシ、停虜
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ト並ニ下記題名、文書、余が公務上日本政府、上記署名官吏ヨリ入手シタルモノト
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